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BRITISH OFFICIAL EXPULSED BY CZECHS

Prague, Mar. 23.—Captain Phillip Wildash, British Permit Officer in Prague, was driving to the Czech border today under the threat of arrest within 24 hours on "very serious charges."

Captain Wildash, who has the status of a General, was released by the police after six hours' grilling yesterday in connection with investigations into an alleged plot against the Republic.

Allied authorities described the allegations against him as "preposterous."

The police stood guard outside Captain Wildash's Prague flat, where Mrs Wildash and her six-year-old daughter are remaining to clear up private affairs.

FLAT SEARCHED

Yesterday, the police searched the flat from top to bottom and took away various items, including the telephone book.

Josef Dittlich, 45-year-old Czech cashier of the Permit Office, was arrested late last night and was still detained today.

A British Embassy statement today said: "Captain Phillip Wildash, British Military Permit Officer in Prague, with the status of Consul, was detained by the police yesterday morning for interrogation and released later in the day."

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs informed His Majesty's Embassy that there were serious charges against Captain Wildash, who would probably be arrested unless he left the country within 24 hours."

"In view of the short time limit no proper investigation can be made. Further inquiries are being made and a statement, if necessary, will be issued in London."

Captain Wildash is leaving the country, today.—Reuter.

FROGS PLAGUE RESIDENTS

Lincoln, Mar. 23.—The people of Manor Road, Lincoln, are keeping their doors barred against a plague of frogs, which invaded the district last night from a cemetery close by.

The frogs arrived "like an army," one resident said, and croaked "like two or three old men snoring."

Residents used electric torches to avoid stepping on the frogs hopping about in hundreds. The invaders are believed to have come from a disused fire service water tank in the cemetery.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Western Powers Take Action

THE decision of the Western occupation Powers to outlaw the Eastern mark in the western sectors of Berlin denotes increased confidence in their ability to resolve the administrative problems of Berlin independently, if necessary, of the Soviets. And that the Western Powers have not over-called their hand is indicated by the announcement that the Russians do not intend to take any retaliatory action; thus the creation of a single currency for western Berlin can be regarded as an important political success for the American, British and French authorities. Furthermore the action discloses a new line of policy—a willingness to show the Soviets that no longer are the Western Powers prepared to be intimidated or embarrassed by Russian obstructionism. It is obvious that the wonderful success of the Berlin airlift has been an influencing factor of prime importance in shaping this revitalized policy. The Russian blockade has been so nullified that, with the improving weather which will mean better flying conditions, it will be rendered completely futile. Thus the social collapse in Western Germany, which the Russians so freely predicted would occur in consequence of their blockade, has been averted. Moreover, it can be seen that the Western Powers were guided in their decision to "down the Eastern mark because of the many anomalies and disadvantages produced by the dual-currency system. As one observer ex-

On Visit To Hongkong



Vice-Admiral O. C. Badger, Commander U.S. Naval Forces, West Pacific, who arrived in Hongkong this morning in the flagship Eldorado. He was officially greeted at Queen's Pier by Commodore Robertson and a guard of honour from HMS Tamar.

Atlantic Pact May Mean Bigger U.S. Army

Washington, Mar. 23.—Senator Millard E. Tydings, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said today that America's military forces may have to be increased soon because of the Atlantic Pact defence commitments.

But he added that in the long run the pact and its companion project for arms shipments to Europe should enable cutbacks in United States defence spending and in the size of the American armed forces as the arms programme took shape.

Meanwhile, the following developments were revealed:

1. Three regional defence setups may be established under the North Atlantic alliance. The tentative plan under consideration calls for these groupings: (1) United States, Canada, Greenland and Iceland; (2) Britain, France and the Benelux countries; (3) the Scandinavian countries.
2. The National Security Resources Board advised the State Department that \$2,000,000,000 in first year lend-lease spending would not dangerously deplete American resources or require new economic controls.
3. Diplomatic officials are ready to ask Congress for "at least" a four-year programme to build up the military strength of free nations with American arms.

Senator Tydings' Armed Services Committee soon will begin consideration of the military implications stemming from the anti-aggression treaty. He estimated that in four or five years the defence strength of Western Europe could be built up to a point where the United States safely could reduce its own army, navy and air force.

EUROPE'S RESPONSIBILITY

Senator Tydings believes that European manpower equipped with American arms could take over an "appreciable" portion of responsibility for the defence of the Atlantic security zone.

He added that in a "reasonable period" United States economic recovery aid should permit Western Europe to take over "the job of arming herself."

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Russians May Try A Fake Appeasement MP'S WARNING

London, Mar. 23.—Mr Harold MacMillan, a leading Opposition Conservative, told the House of Commons today in a debate on Germany and Western Europe that he thought it was not impossible that Russia would launch a kind of "fake appeasement policy, especially in relation to Germany."

"I think this will take the form of offering to conclude a treaty with Germany involving the ending of the joint occupation by all the powers." This would be "a fatal snare—the kiss of death, for what will be the result?"

"The result may well be that the gangster forces which have been built up during the last year in Eastern Germany under the officers and men of General Von Paulus' Army will do in Germany exactly what they have done in Czechoslovakia."

"Then, at one single blow, Communism would be on the Rhine. We would have lost almost overnight the whole results of six years of war. The Ruhr itself would pass into enemy hands. This, above all, must be avoided. This is a trick which we cannot allow to be played on us."

A NEW EMPIRE

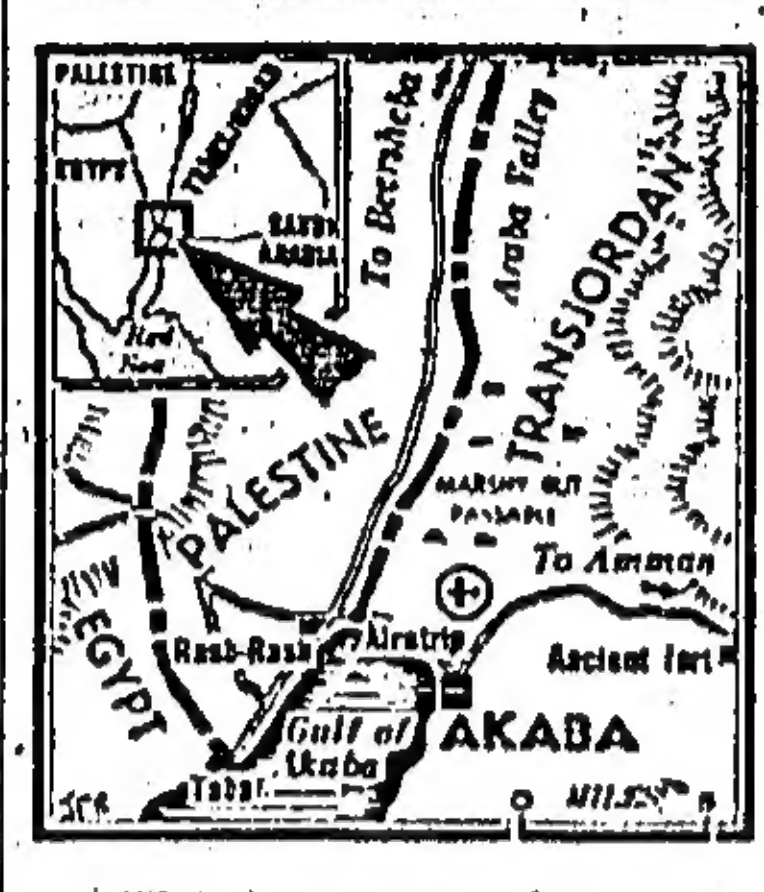
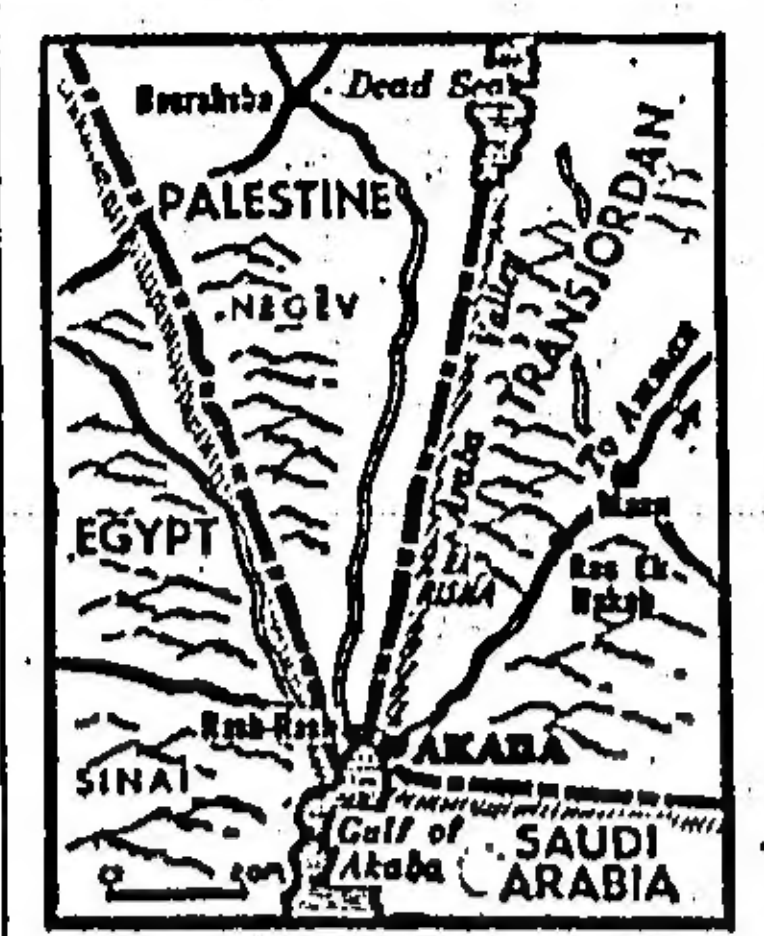
Mr MacMillan said that while the British Empire had been in liquidation, the "New Empire" had been almost completely reconstituted. "We could not believe that the genuine friendship which we had honestly held out to our Russian Allies could be so scornfully rejected," he said.

Hitler ruled mainly by force, although the ground was carefully prepared by propaganda. "Moscow rules by a form of puppet which gives the appearance of a genuine internal movement of revolutionary processes which have turned one country after another into her satellites," Mr MacMillan said.

In many ways, this was modelled more upon the Napoleonic than the Hitlerite model. Revolt was preached as a means to freedom but it became a path of national servitude.

THE SAME REMEDY

The remedy was the same as it had always been in the struggle for liberty—the Grand Alliance, collective security. It was three years almost to a day since Mr Winston Churchill's Fulton speech on Anglo-American co-operation. He hoped it would prove less than three years between the implementation of Mr Churchill's Zurich speech and the effective working of the Council of Europe and the European Assembly.



The two maps show on different scales the country at the north of the Gulf of Akaba where Jewish and British forces now face one another. Actually the small British contingent at the tiny Transjordan port of Akaba has been reinforced. The Jews advancing from the truce lines in Israel have established themselves at Rash-Rash. Although this territory was at one time allotted to the Jews under the United Nations partition plan, Dr Bunche, the United Nations mediator, has declared the Israeli advance to this point, a breach of the truce.

Jews Withdrawing From Lebanon

Observing Armistice Terms

Ras El Nagura, Israeli-Lebanon border, Mar. 23.—Israeli troops holding villages in the Lebanon State started withdrawing today under the terms of an armistice signed by the two countries at this frontier post.

The agreement, described by neutral observers as consisting mainly of Israeli compromises, is the second of the separate armistices being negotiated between Israel and her Arab opponents. An agreement with Egypt was signed last month.

Today's signing ceremony took 12 minutes and immediately afterwards Israeli troops began clearing mines from the main road from Haifa to Beirut. The armistice calls for the withdrawal of Israeli forces from 14 villages in Lebanon territory within two days and for limiting the number of troops each side is to maintain along the old frontiers to 1,500 "with defensive equipment."

Meanwhile, the Israeli armistice talks with Transjordan had not been resumed on Rhodes Island, because diplomatically "bad flying weather" still kept military members of the Israeli delegation grounded in Tel-Aviv.

ISRAEL COMPLAINT

According to an Israeli Government spokesman, British "intervention" in Transjordan was the real cause of the interruption in the Rhodes talks. Dr Ralph Bunche, Acting Palestine Mediator, reported to the Security Council last night that "patrolling activities by both sides, including British troops, in the Akaba area, are in conflict with the truce conditions which have been accepted by both sides."

The Israeli Government has already complained to the Council that the presence of British troops at Akaba is a "violation of the Council resolution of May 29" and warned that their presence could have an "adverse effect on the negotiations with Transjordan."—Reuter.

ARAB REQUEST

Cairo, Mar. 23.—The Arab Higher Committee of Palestine asked the United Nations Conciliation Commission today to recommend the "abolition of the partition decision and to restore Palestine to its natural unity."

The text of the not to the Commission also stressed the right of Arab refugees to return to their homes and to be compensated for their losses.

Nanking To Announce Its Peace Policy Next Week

Nanking, Mar. 24.—The Premier, General Ho Ying-chin, will announce his policy for peace with the Chinese Communists and political reforms in Nationalist China to the Legislative Yuan next Wednesday or Friday, a spokesman said last night.

His Cabinet is meeting for the first time at nine o'clock this morning to formulate its policy.

Excitement spread through this war sick capital after the Chinese Communists' broadcast that peace talks will begin "very soon." China's Cabinet met to draft its peace proposals in an atmosphere of high elation.

Even the Cabinet members seemed more confident than they were 24 hours ago that this time something would come of all the shouting.

The Communist radio, however, accompanied its left handed peace talks announcement with a belligerent scolding of acting President Li Tsung-jen and Premier Ho Ying-chin. It called acting President Li a "bogus acting President" and Premier Ho a "bogus Premier."

The broadcast also reiterated that the Nationalists would have to fulfil the Red's eight point peace terms. These terms, calling for the prosecution of many high government officials as "war criminals," amount almost to "unconditional surrender."

TRADE DELEGATION

A delegation, representing Shanghai industrial and shipping interests, will proceed to Nanking during the weekend to seek permission from the new Ho Ying-chin Cabinet to resume trade with Communist North China, it was reported this morning.

Mr Wei Wen-han, Chairman of the Shanghai Shipping Guild, who recently held talks with Communist leaders in Peiping on the resumption of navigation between North and South China, is expected to head the delegation.

It is understood that the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Industry has drafted a programme as a basis for the reopening of trading with the North which, it is argued, will benefit not only industrial and business circles but also the Government as a result of the increased tax revenue.

Meanwhile, all shipping along the Yangtze has been suspended as a result of a Garrison Headquarters directive threatening with immediate sinking any vessel venturing to sail to blockaded or Communist ports on the north bank of the river.

The purpose of the order is to prevent the infiltration of Reds.

SILVER DOLLAR JUMPS

The peace talks news hit Shanghai last night and the value of the Chinese silver dollar skyrocketed.

The exchange rate for one silver dollar was quoted early in the day at 7,100 Gold Yuan. But by evening, after traders had digested the Red radio broadcast commenting on peace, it jumped to 8,800 Gold Yuan.

Observers said the drop in value of the Gold Yuan, official government currency, echoed city business fears of Red control.

The Communist broadcast had not unbent on Mao Tse-tung's eight point peace programme, which calls for the government virtually to submit to Red authority before negotiations can start.

Taunting the government to prove its sincerity "in the very near future when peace negotiations are conducted," the Red radio failed to describe the Communist efforts to set the stage for a parley.

The broadcast was heard both in a Chinese voice cast and English morse cast. It confirmed that the Reds are standing pat on their original demands.

A foreigner has breached the "Bamboo Curtain" dividing Nationalist and Communist China.

Mr S. L. Evans, a Briton, and chief accountant for the Kailan Mining Administration, sailed about two weeks ago for Red-held Tientsin, where Kailan's head office are located.

Mr Evans is believed to be the first foreigner in months to be cleared by the Reds for entrance into their zone. It took him three months to get the clearance.

The Kailan mines, which are jointly owned by British and Chinese interests, are northeast of Tientsin.

A number of foreign newspaper correspondents have been trying for several weeks to get into Red territory, but have been refused. Three set out in a jeep from Tientsin last month, hoping to get to Tainan and possibly Peiping, but they were turned back before reaching their goal.—Reuter and Associated Press.

Pickets Greet Churchill

New York, Mar. 23.—Mr Winston Churchill, arriving here today in the Queen Elizabeth, drove away swiftly from the dock as pickets chanting, "Churchill wants war," tried in vain to get near his car.

Over 1,500 people watched as Britain's wartime Prime Minister left the ship by a special gangway and drove, escorted by six motorcycle police, through the picket lines.

The pickets were organised by the "Committee Against War Propaganda" of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship. The demonstrators included both men and women. They marched in circles on the pavement, chanting: "No North Atlantic Pact. Go Back, Churchill."

The demonstration was orderly.—Reuter.



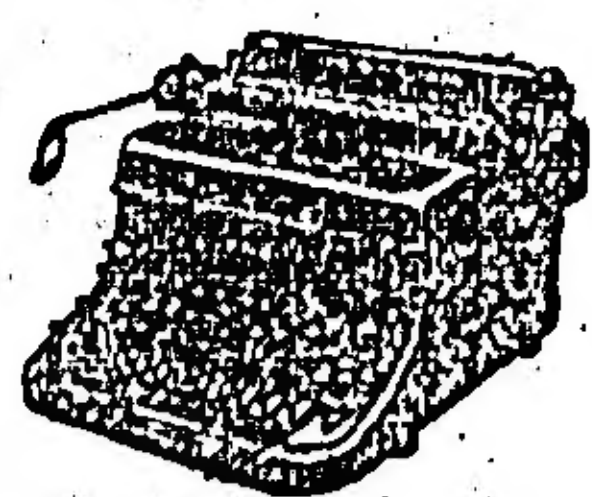
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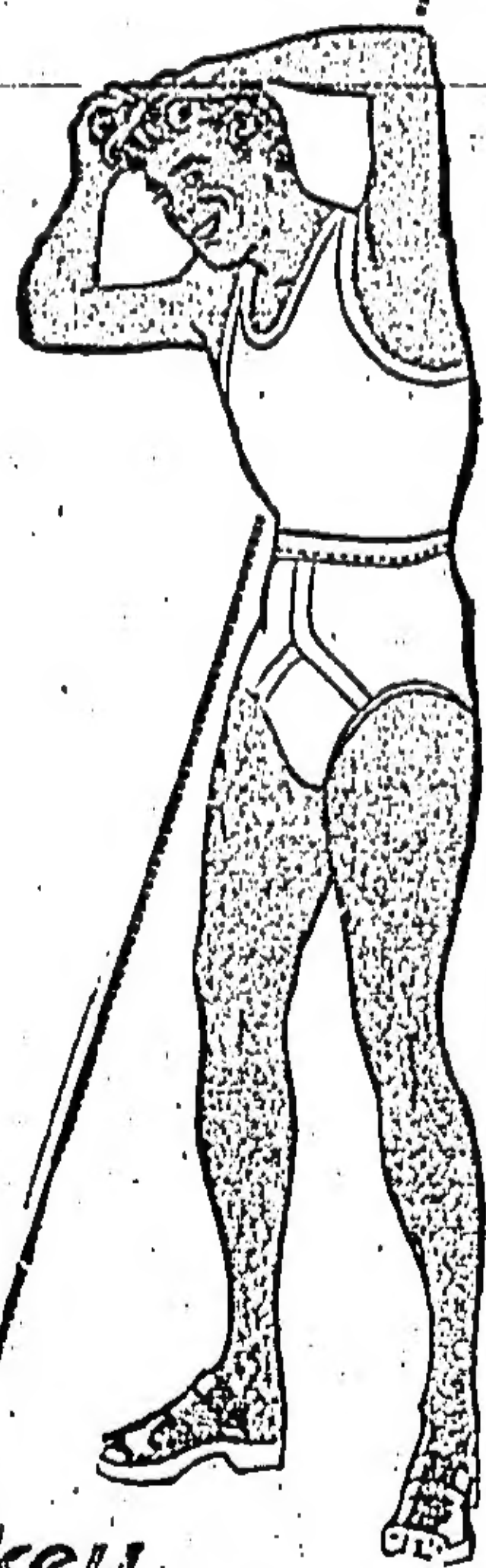
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WOMANSENSE

PRINCESSES SEE OLD BAILEY TRIAL



Picture shows Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret Rose leaving the Old Bailey, London. The Princesses are the first members of Royalty to visit the Old Bailey since King Edward VII opened it in 1907.

The Americans call Britons starch

ONCE in California I went to a lecture by the leader of a cult. There are many cults in that golden State, and many of them are successful, but this man's success was phenomenal, and I wanted to know why.

He held enthralled his audience of office workers and shop attendants.

"The strength of our psyche is to be found in the Will," he said, or something like it. "Suppose yourself undecided, for example, as to where to take your holiday. 'Shall I go to Nice,' you ask yourself, or to Biarritz? Now, will-power—"

IN DISGUISE

HE need not have gone further; he had already given his audience what they came to get. Each one sat up a little straighter, each smiled secretly. "How discerning!" they said to themselves. "This man evidently recognises me in this disguise; he knows I am the sort of person who goes to Nice or Biarritz, just like that."

Well, that is one of the reactions I get from Lady Troubridge's Book of Etiquette.

Here at last is a woman who really appreciates me, I feel—a woman who takes it for granted that I attend Court at least once every three years, leave cards on my acquaintance in batches of three, suitably dog-eared, give luncheon parties where precedence is a matter of urgent importance, and know better than to enter a drawing-room arm-in-arm with my husband, laughing madly.

It is absolutely intoxicating to be so well understood.

It is true, however, that when the first rosy glow has faded I find flaws in the author's reasoning.

EMILY HAHN, American novelist, married to an Englishman, examines the Book of Etiquette, by Lady Troubridge—the guide to good manners, which first appeared in 1926, and has now been reissued.

Take, for instance, the history of etiquette. It seems that etiquette grew from an early desire on the part of some cave-man to show other cave-men that he did not wish to fight them on sight. This rudimentary amiability developed through the ages until we now have our social code, which is based purely and simply, according to Lady Troubridge, on consideration for others.

All very well and good. But on this premise it is necessary to keep nimble through logic in order to achieve her next base.

If it is really consideration for others which governs me in a million small things, which regulates the sex of the person who hands tea-cups around or insists that I pronounce Wemyss Weems, I can't trace the connection for others.

WHAT TO WEAR

LET'S imagine Lady Troubridge's pupil—any pupil, any well-meaning, average considerate hostess.

She has turned to the Book of Etiquette because it is really the most common-sense, practical work of its kind. Yet if she follows the text to the letter she will find herself in the most dreadful predicament, humiliated and helpless, caught in the rigid embrace of a veritable Iron Maiden.

Nothing is left out. She is told what to serve for luncheon of six or twenty-four, depending upon her social status.

MANNERS!

QUOTES from the Book of Etiquette.

When eating cheese small pieces of cheese should be pushed with the knife end on to small pieces of bread, or biscuit, and conveyed to the mouth with thumb and finger; cheese should never be eaten from the point of the knife.

Small birds such as plovers are served whole to each guest. Birds should not be turned over and over on the plate, and no attempt should be made to eat the legs.

The mother who makes of her child's party nothing but an opportunity for a show of ostentation does her child an injury, and she who provides alcoholic beverages and rich and unsuitable refreshments will certainly not meet with the approval of any sensible parent.

It with one's napkin, and proceed to use it, is just one of those things that should not be done.

Loud talking and laughter in bus or train are inexcusable.

It is an unpardonable sin to injure a hound, so avoid riding too near them.

Life on shipboard is more or less free from conventionality. It is quite permissible, if one feels so inclined, to speak to the person whose deckchair is near one's own.

When two people of equal rank who are strangers desire to communicate with one another upon any social matter, it is considered more polite to use the third person. An example: Mr. John Cathcart presents his compliments to Mr. Blankney and begs to draw his attention to the fact that owing to some defect in Mr. Blankney's kitchen chimney, Mr. Cathcart is suffering serious inconvenience from smoke and soot.

She is told what to wear at a country house—country clothes, as a matter of fact, and not, as you might suppose, ball-dresses.

She learns when it is correct for her daughter's admirer to put the question to herself rather than the young lady, and how to remind a Royal Personage of his presumably forgotten invitation to tea, and what part of the year to spend at Biarritz.

CEREMONY

It is a staggering process—anyway, it staggers this American. Back where I come from people don't worry so much about etiquette, or, if that's not strictly true, they don't stand to worry until they have made enough money to sit back and think, which always leads to worry.

I feel that all this close British attention to tribal ceremony is the result of leisure—one commodity at least which is in short supply in the States.

True we have our millionaires, and come to think of it their wives are very much like Lady Troubridge's hurried disciple. (I have noticed before how plainly one can discern in American social life the ghost of the English etiquette enshrined by our Pilgrim Fathers.)

Our American mannerisms and ambition have been displaced by several steps on the financial staircase. It is all the upper middle-classes there and the conventions of the lower middle-classes here, and so ad infinitum.

This shift in the staircase gives rise to confusion all around—to English visitors in America as well as to American visitors in England. You probably consider us ill-mannered, and I assure you we think you are far too formal.

How Hot Should Hot Water Be?

By ELEANOR ROSS

JUST how hot is "hot"? We aren't referring to the weather nor to seasoning, but to water heated for domestic use. To be specific, how hot is "hot" when it comes to the most practical water temperature for automatic, domestic water heating systems? To determine the proper temperature is an important point for every home owner. Manufacturers of automatic water heaters have, in the past, set thermostats of their product at 150° degrees maximum, claiming that hot water delivered at the tap at a temperature of 120 to 140 degrees was sufficiently hot and most practical for domestic use. But many home makers argued against this control and of late there have been suggestions that heating water to a higher temperature would prove more practical.

There are four major uses for hot water in the home. For bathing and personal cleanliness, the hottest water required is 110 degrees. General cleaning requires hot water at about a temperature of 90° degrees. But when it comes to the household tasks of laundering and dishwashing, the set controls seem to

Stockings Feature Polka Dots

LOS Angeles.—All-over plush polka dots are the important feature for spring at Willys of Hollywood, couturier and hosiery manufacturer who is currently offering newly designed clocks in 24k gold, and sterling silver as well as in the stocked plush process. Each design is obtainable on seamless, full-fashioning sandalfoot, hosiery in addition to anklets and knee-length garter top stockings.

The polka dot hose, which are called "Candy Buttons," are stocked on in "seven delicious flavours." Strawberry, raspberry, cherry, orange, lemon, lime and chocolate are played against after hosiery tones which this house is also promoting for a staple line of hosiery. These include: Mica Brown (warm brown), Red Earth (deeper brown), Rusty Diggins (deep reddish brown), Paydirt (taupe-brown), Rose Quartz (coppery beige), Picked Copper (light copper), Gold Dust (yellow-beige).

Plush clocks are available in the same colour combinations, the stocked plush process because it affords greater depth of design with sheer hosiery.

Baroque Pattern

One number features a baroque pattern at centre front of the ankle with a cut-out centre to accommodate the heel. Other designs include cupid shooting an arrow, wheat stalks, butterflies, all available on one or both sides of the stocking.

In gold or silver there are fancy, stretch and pine tree patterns. For brides, an ivory coloured stocking with a panel of butterfly patterned lace at front is featured.

For evening and cocktail wear, a stocking of all-over lace with lace and satin garter top is suggested in 49er colours as well as black or white, and a group of promotional "after jewel tones." The latter plan includes: Turquoise (light green), Garnet (maroon), Pink Quartz (salmon), Cymophane (muted salmon), Jacinth (light amber), Jasper (dull yellow), Kunzite (light purple), Sapphirite (bright blue), Lapis (gray-blue), and Pounmaline (taupe-gray).

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

It is difficult to tell when you have just enough soap in your washing machine, but two to three inches of thick suds on top of the water will give the best results. Soap is used up by dirt—the more dirt in your load the more soap is needed. However, don't be too generous in pouring in the soap flakes or powder, as it's too hard to rinse out.

As art gum eraser is a good article to keep in your kitchen cleaning cabinet, and a good commercial paint cleaner. If painted walls are smudged by small hands, rub the smudges gently with the art eraser. If you discover a spot or stain on the painted walls, apply the paint cleaner at once.

It is advisable to remove cellophane from a new shade as soon as purchased. Heat and atmosphere conditions will cause the cellophane wrapping to shrink and cause it to wrinkle and warp the shade.

The Right Powder for You



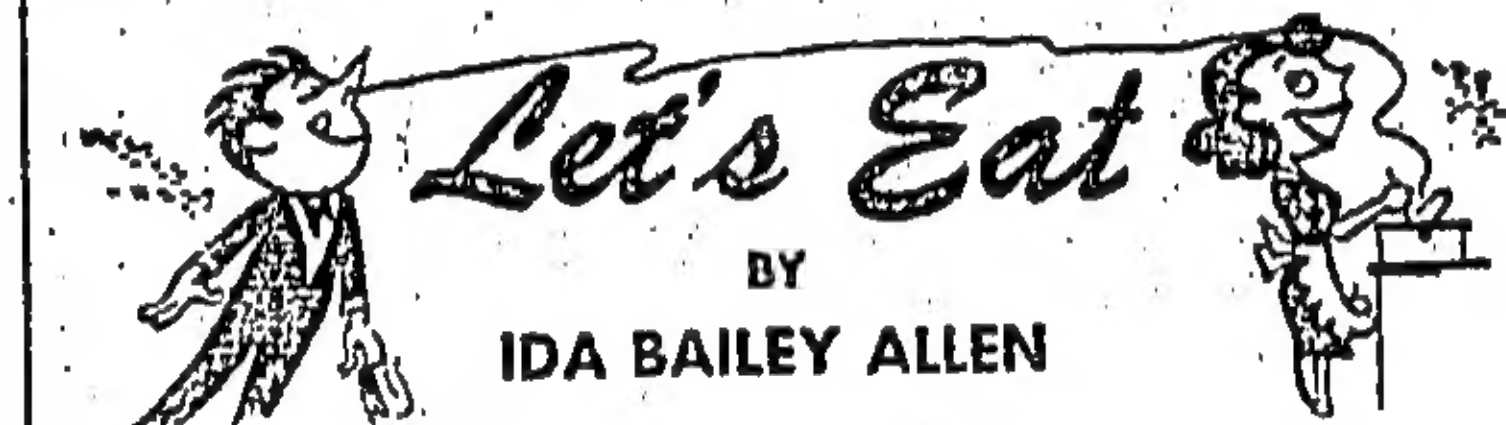
To carry your powder with you during the day, a good-looking compact is a nice fashion accessory. This one, of black and gold, is especially smart.

By HELEN FOLLETT

SKIN tints vary to a considerable degree, from pale gold, to florid, to tawny, with many intermediate tones. Time was when white powder was used. The blonde is likely to select a faint flesh tint, believing that it is the proper choice for her strawberry-and-cream complexion, but that may be an error. Even the true blonde may carry a slightly golden cast on her face. For her there is the blend of flesh and light rachelite.

The girl with the sallow skin must be canny when buying complexion calamine. She does not want to accent the sallowness so she chooses a lighter tint. But powder will never make the flesh look lighter. A shade darker than the natural tone will serve as a camouflage to a certain extent. It would seem that, the moment the average woman picks up her powder pad, her mind is on her nose, so she slips on the powder. A good old custom, but all wrong. The nose

should be treated last when the pat carries a light load of the powder. Whenever you see a powder-spotty face, you know that the nose has got more than its share. Powder your neck and ear lobes. Use the pad lightly over the cheeks, forehead and chin. Tap lightly with your finger tips. A powder brush is useful for removing the surplus, gives the skin a neat, finished appearance. You will find more shades of powder on cosmetic counters than you ever imagined could be produced. There is deep peach, also creamy peach, and medium peach. There are rachelites ranging from ivory to brunettes. Rose-rachelite gives life to the complexion and, if your skin has a little natural colouring, you can dispense with the artificial blushes. To carry your powder with you during the day, a good-looking compact makes a nice fashion accessory. Choose one in a design that harmonises with your lipstick and handbag.



Spices For Flavour

VARIETY may be the spice of life; but it's spice that gives variety to our daily meals. We all know that foods lacking in flavour are not enjoyable and that the same foods, properly seasoned, can be most appetising.

"I am disappointed," said the Chef, "that more people do not take advantage of the opportunity to use the variety of spices and herbs that are manufactured and sold in this country at most reasonable prices."

"That's a fair criticism," I answered. "Most homemakers seem to work with a very limited group of seasonings. Salt, pepper, bayleaves, poultry seasoning, cinnamon, clove, ginger and table mustard are the usual seasonings in most households."

"No wonder the food tastes the same all the time," said the Chef. "They need the nutmeg and the mace; the allspice; the cinnamon bark; and the whole cloves; the poppy, the celery seed, the cummin and the caraway seed. And I also like the seeds of coriander."

"How about saffron?" I asked.

Good in Rice

"Very good in the rice and sauces," the Chef went on. "Then there is the mixed pickle spices, I use it every time I make soup stock. There are the different kinds of pepper: cayenne for the 'hot' touch; white pepper for the light coloured dishes; whole black peppercorns to grind for that snappy taste; paprika for a mild flavour; and of course, chilli peppers for Mexican and Latin American dishes."

"Then there are all the herbs such as mint, basil, dill, marjoram, thyme, sage, tarragon and horseradish," I added. "And the seasoning salts, garlic, onion and onion. Many homemakers think it's extravagant to buy spices and herbs. They don't realise that by making intelligent use of a wide variety of seasonings they can bring down the cost of their meals by buying many more, less expensive and making them taste good. Of course, it might be too expensive to buy a full supply at one time—but they can be bought at regular intervals, one kind at a time. As small amounts of sweetened, flavoured whipped cream or whipped evaporated milk.

Dinner
Lamb and Rice Ball Soup
Bean-Stuffed Green Peppers
Tomato Sauce
Green Peas
Poppy Seed Rolls
Butter or Margarine
Apple-Peach Scallop
Top Cream
Coffee or Tea
Milk (Children)
All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Lamb and Rice Ball Soup
Combine 1 c. moist cooked rice with 1 c. cooked lamb put through the food chopper together with 1 slice of onion and 2 sprigs parsley. Add ½ tsp. powdered dried mint, ¼ tsp. allspice and 1 egg yolk. Mix and shape into balls the size of walnuts. If the mixture seems too dry to stick together, add 1 tsp. flour and 1 or 2 tbsp. milk or tomato juice. Roll the balls in an egg white that is slightly beaten. Drop into 8 c. boiling lamb broth, made from 3 over lamb bones and vegetables, seasoned with ½ tsp. pickle spice, and reinforced as necessary with 1 or 2 bouillon cubes to bring up the meat flavour. Simmer about 12 min. Serve in soup plates, with 3 lamb and rice balls in each.

Bean-Stuffed Green Peppers
Select 4 medium-sized sweet green peppers. Cut in halves lengthwise and remove the seeds and cores. Boil the peppers 5 min. in salted water to cover. Then drain; meantime prepare the filling as follows:—Combine the contents of 1 (No. 2) tin baked beans with ½ tsp. horse-radish, ¼ tsp. powdered dill, 3 tbsp. fine bread crumbs and 1 tbsp. melted bacon fat. Fill the green pepper halves with this mixture. Then lightly oil a shallow broilerproof baking dish. Pour in 2 (8 oz.) cans tomato sauce. Put in the stuffed peppers. Bake in a hot oven, 400° F., for 30 min., or until browned. If desired, a fourth slice of bacon may be placed on each pepper 15 min. before the dish will be done.

Apple-Peach Scallop
Peel and core enough tart apples and peaches to make 3 c. Stir in ½ tsp. each cinnamon and clove, ½ sugar and 1½ c. crumbled dry cake or broken cookies, or a combination of both. Transfer to a greased buttered baking dish. Dot with 2 tbsp. butter or margarine. Bake 35 min. in a moderate oven, 375 to 400° F. Serve warm or cold with top cream or with sweetened, flavoured whipped cream or whipped evaporated milk.

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



OUTSIDE LOOKING IN—This vegetable-peeling machine attracted much attention in Paris. It was shown at the Domestic Arts Exhibition where French housewives were able to see the latest things in refrigerators and washing machines. Because of the exorbitant prices, few of these women could buy the new luxuries. But they got their fill of just looking.



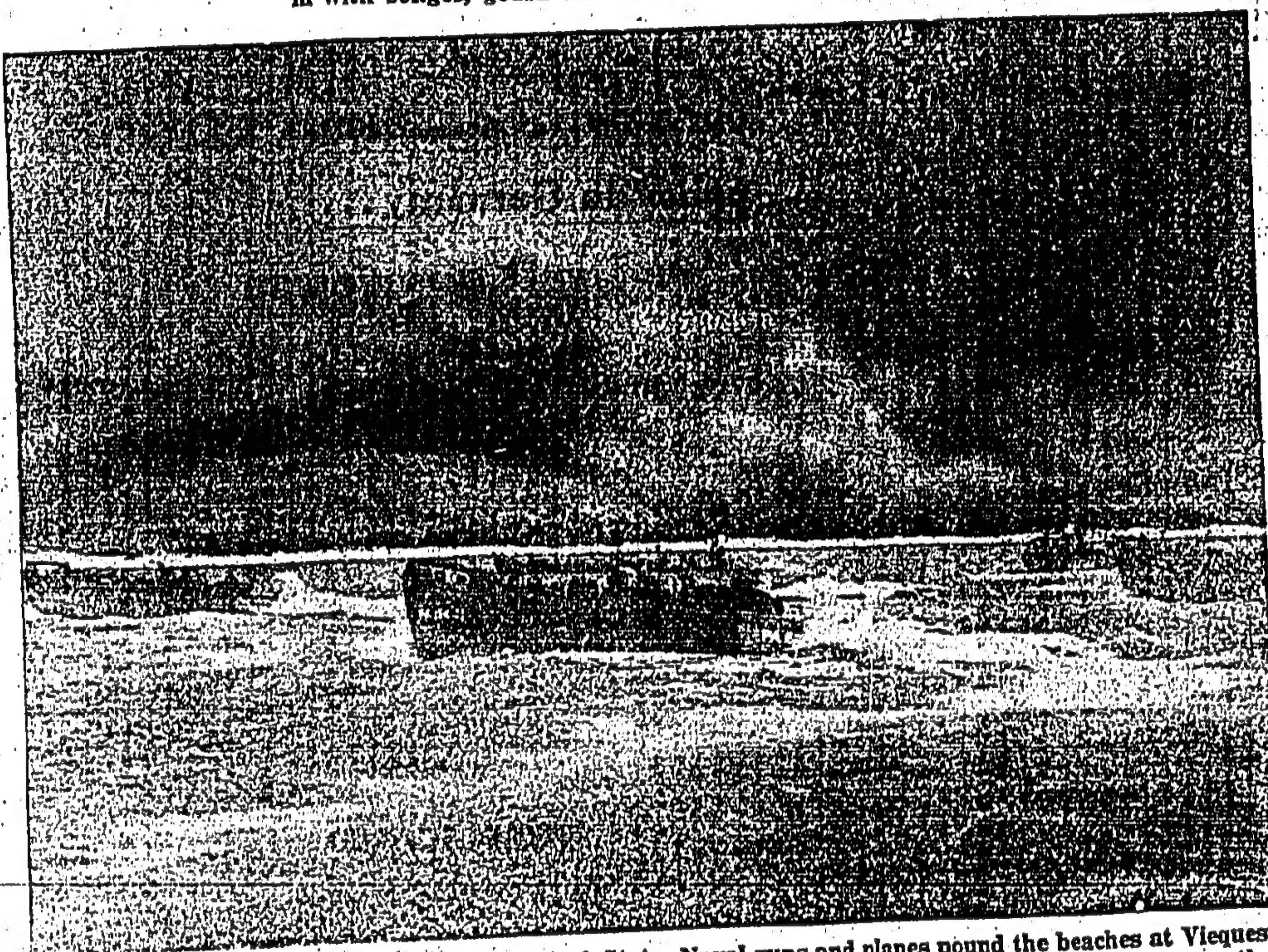
MUSICAL FAMILY—William F. Ludwig, second from left, and his family beat out some rhumba rhythms in their home at River Forest, Illinois. Mrs Ludwig, left, plays the maracas as her husband beats a conga drum, and the others join in with bongos, gourd and claves.



ON THE BALL—Herbert Morrison, Lord President of the Council, goes after the ball in Shanklin, Isle of Wight. During an off-duty moment, members of the Cabinet and Executive Committee of the Labour Party, who were planning party policy, took to sport.



TAKING A CHANCE—At the first sign of spring in St Louis, Missouri, two shutter bugs take off for the zoo. Their plan is to get a good photograph of Frisky, a polar bear. Frisky seems willing to pose for them—or could it be that he has ideas of his own? That bear looks mighty carnivorous.



THE SITUATION'S WELL IN HAND—United States Naval guns and planes pound the beaches at Vieques Island, in the Caribbean, as these Marines speed in to make a landing. The US Atlantic fleet recently held its biggest post-war exercises in this area. The preparations for them took many weeks.



MONKEY SHINES—This chimpanzee from the St. Louis, Missouri, zoo is having a dancing lesson from Meredith Lang, an instructor. He had no trouble learning to rhumba; he just listened to the jungle rhythm and started doing what came naturally.



WHAT NEXT?—Atomic energy is used to lay the cornerstone of a new building in New York. By touching a push-button, right, on table, a relay was opened to a miniature atomic pile. Enough atomic energy was produced to ignite a magnesium flare on a ribbon; when that broke it started a motor which lowered the cornerstone.



SHE LOST OUT—Patti Lyons hoped to be chosen queen of the Phoenix, Arizona, World's Championship Rodeo. But she lost out because she couldn't ride a horse.



AT HOME ABROAD—Mrs. Adelalde N. Weaver, right, of Omaha, Nebraska, is becoming familiar with European farm methods. One of a group of 30 American women who are taking a tour for that purpose, she holds 14-month-old Terry Depoix during an overnight stay at the Depoix home in Mantouillet, France. The youngster's aunt, Christine Depoix, looks on.

JOAN BLONDELL

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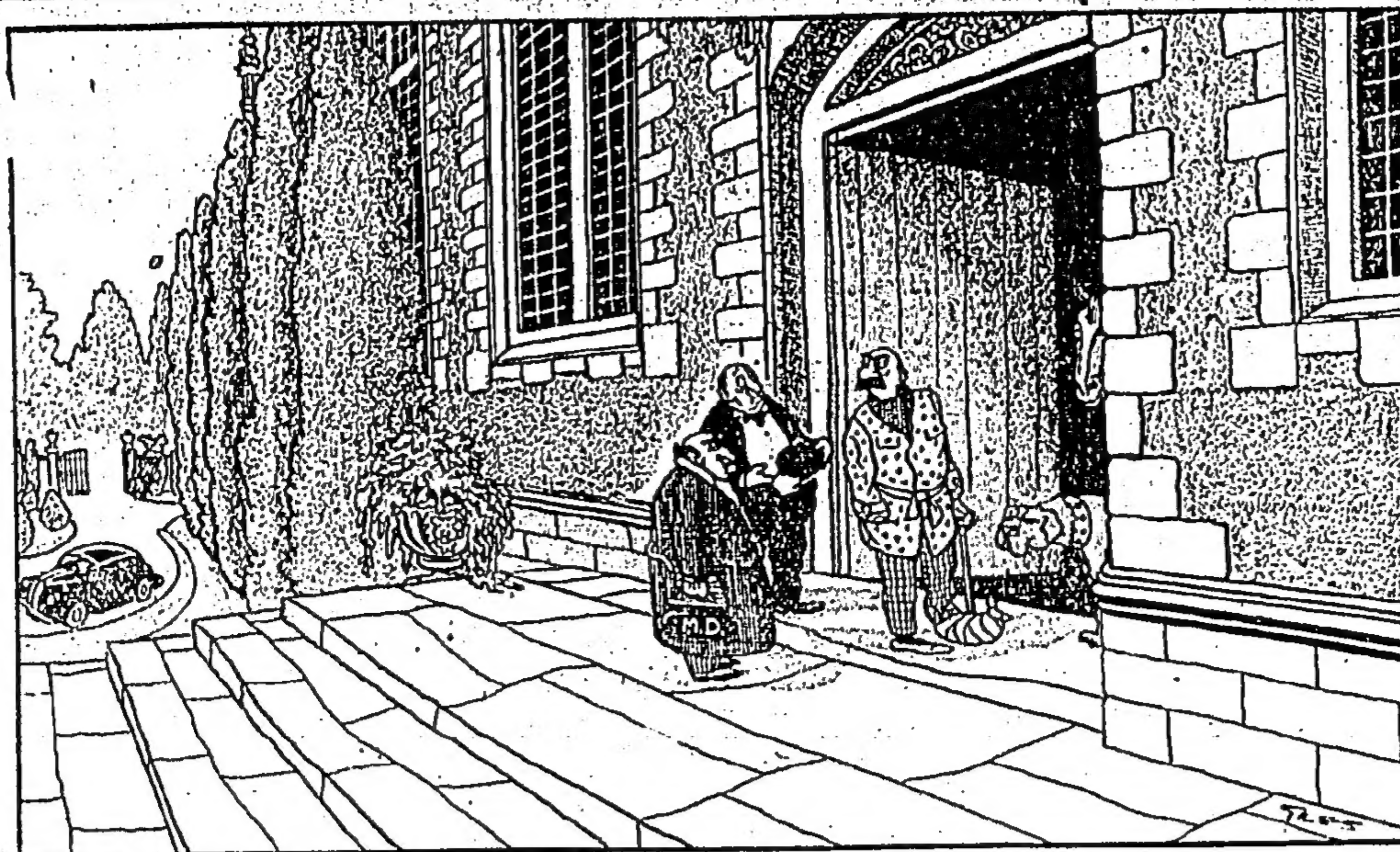
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LETTING ENGLAND DOWN!

The man who wanted to go to Leipzig meets our Stop...Go...Stop policy in Germany...

A FRIEND of mine who runs the foreign side of one of the biggest and most important industrial concerns in Britain recently decided to send one of his men to the Leipzig Fair. He hoped that this would help him to find out what the industries of Soviet-controlled Eastern Germany are doing today, and what they are likely to be doing in the future—particularly in competition with ourselves on the world market.

For Leipzig is in the Soviet zone of Germany, the Fair is under the auspices of the Soviet economic authorities, and its exhibits may well prove revealing.

But my friend has not been able to send his man to Leipzig.

"Ah, yes!" you say. "That Iron Curtain again."

But you are wrong. The Iron Curtain has been pulled up for a few days—as far as Leipzig and the Russians are concerned. Traders from all-over-the-world are invited to the Fair, and no political questions asked. All are welcome, particularly if they are really rich, reactionary, bourgeois capitalists, and have plenty of pounds and dollars to spend.

No, it is not the Russians, but the British Military Permit authorities of the Allied Control Commission who have foiled my friend. And not just by their slowness, inefficiency, and general obstructiveness. They have done it as a matter of policy. They have orders to foil.

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'BLOCKADE'—

THE idea behind this is that there is a blockade on. Traffic and trade between British, French, and U.S.-controlled Western Germany and Russian-controlled Eastern Germany have been

SEFTON DELMER'S NEWSMAP

German experts wanted to wait until a new German Government is formed which could take responsibility for the law. Others demurred that the natives establishing a permanent civil service were premature, because it would mean that the present rather scratch team of officials would be irremovable.

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Germany often seems to me like a kind of Microcosm reflecting in its small concentrated sphere the confusions and contradictions which afflict Western policy the world over, and which must confirm Stalin again and again in his view that these contradictions are bound to help the overthrow of the capitalist world.

WE'RE SCARED

MANY of these inconsistencies are avoidable. They spring, I believe, not as Stalin would maintain, from essential conflicts of interest, but as often as not from a lack of sense on the part of our present Administration in handling their contacts with the Americans.

During the war I watched with admiration how beautifully British experts put over with the Americans their more experienced approach in political and diplomatic affairs. And the Americans, impetuous and sometimes somewhat callow, were wonderfully generous in their appreciation. They were quick and eager to learn and adopt.

Today we seem scared of the Americans. We prefer to appease, to prevaricate, and suppress rather than convince them.

We are frightened that someone may get up in Congress and denounce us for betraying the Marshall plan by "trading with the enemy." And that although the Americans themselves have been buying Thüringian potash for Japan.

While I was in Hamburg the British and American military governors put out an ordinance defining fundamental rights and duties of the German civil service.

The German authorities had been working on a draft law—some of which is embodied in the ordinance—but had as yet not agreed on it. Many of the

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SCEPTICAL

I DOUBT whether this kind of thing will make the Germans feel that democracy is a very different regime from the previous regimes they have been through.

Particularly not when they begin discussing what is happening to Radio Hamburg.

We have handed control of this radio back to the Germans. Like the B.B.C., it is supposed to be strictly non-partisan.

Nevertheless, with the full support and approval of the British authorities, Herr Adolf Grimme, a former Socialist Minister of Education in Germany, has been appointed head of Radio Hamburg. He has since appointed a number of other Socialists to key positions in the organisation.

Officially, Herr Grimme has resigned his position on the managing committee of the German Social Democrat Party. I see, however, that together with his former colleagues on that committee, Grimme is due to attend a Socialist conference in Holland in April.

An appointment of this kind is something which I am sure we would not stand for in Britain. Mr. Bevin should be careful not to let his enthusiasm for his Socialist comrades abroad lead him into sanctioning standards of public conduct in Germany which would be disapproved at home.

As it is, I feel any chances we ever had of educating the Germans to a more mature conception of democracy have been lost by our display of inconsistency, indecision, cowardice, and lack of principle. It is letting Britain down.

FINAL INSTALMENT LOST ILLUSION — By — FREDA UTLEY

STALIN is the Supreme Father, or a kind of proletarian Russian Mikado who in some mysterious way unites in himself the soul of all his people and leads them by divine inspiration, in a spirit of true democracy. In sacrificing both material well-being and liberty to Stalin, the people are sacrificing to themselves, since he is their god in their own image.

This dedication is Stalin's own conception of himself, as he testified at his sixtieth birthday.

"Your congratulations and greetings I credit to the account of the great party of the working class, which gave me birth and raised me in its own image."

The semi-mythical, semi-religious outpourings in the Soviet press in praise of Stalin assign him such a universality. He is represented as the fountain of all goodness, all strength and all achievements of the whole Russian people.

Stalin is the "Infallible," the "Incomparable," "our sun" and "our soul." He is the Red Tsar, and "Little Father" of his people.

The reality of Stalin's Russia is in fact so horrible that most people, even in this age of conditioning, to horror, refuse to believe that such things can be. The truth is dismissed as an atrocity story; and so anxious are men to believe in the existence of the socialist heaven that they accept the crudest Communist propaganda as gospel truth. Those who have accepted Russian Communism as a religious faith, and whose reasoning powers have become atrophied, will no doubt continue to worship their bloody idol and to glorify the human sacrifices made to it.

ARCADI ARRESTED

ON the night of April 10, Arcadi awakened me, saying: "We have visitors!"

I saw a soldier in the hall and two secret police officers in uniform in our sitting room. The secret police officers warned us we must not speak to each other, and started on a methodical search of the whole flat.

We sat silent and tense. Hours passed and the search went on.

At eight o'clock, they told Arcadi they were taking him away to be examined; but the search was not yet completed.

At nine o'clock they took him away. We kissed for the last time. Reserved and calm to the last, he gave me a gentle smile and was gone. I never saw him again.

To maintain Promexport's position as the leading export organisation, Kalmansky, the chairman, had continued to sell goods abroad which should have been retained for Russian industry.

Kalmansky blamed the manager of the department in question, though he had only carried out Kalmansky's orders.

As finance manager, Arcadi signed all contracts though he was in no way responsible for the kind of goods exported. From what I learned later, this was the actual reason for his arrest.

That first morning I went to the secret police office in Petrovka. It was the free day and the office was closed. Next day I went again, only to be told that no information could be given me yet. I went each day, and was always given the same answer.

I went to the Commissariat of Foreign Trade. My one soul or would help me. Others avoided me. Friends were afraid to speak to me.

WEEK OF ANXIETY

THEN I made my decision. I already had my visa to go to England and return, having applied for it before Arcadi's arrest.

All through that long week of anxiety, I feared for our son. He was not a British subject because he had been born in Moscow.

I knew the secret police took hostages, and frightened men into false confessions by threatening reprisals on their children. I must get Jon out of the country while I could.

I left Moscow ten days after Arcadi's arrest.

After we had crossed the Russian frontier into Poland, the sick feeling I had had for days began to pass. My heart sang: "Jon is safe; Jon is safe." I could breathe again. Looking after him on the three-day journey without a sleeper, took all my energy and thoughts. Jon, now two years old, was excited and restless. In the first days after Arcadi's arrest, he had hunted for his father all over the flat, in cupboards; and even under the beds.

In Berlin, Jon had the first banana he had ever tasted. We arrived in London safely.

Yen, telegraphed that they were taking away our flat, and I must return at once. Leaving Jon at a small nursery school in Sussex, I hurried back to Moscow.

RETURN HOME

THERE began for me the saddest, gloomiest, most trying and anxious period of my life. Day after day I went to the Public Prosecutor's office and stood in line.

After five weeks I finally managed to get to an Assistant Prosecutor, called Levine. Our conversation was brief.

I wrote appeals to the Prosecutor, Assistant Commissar of the Commissariat of the Interior, (NKVD), and finally to Stalin himself.

I never received even an acknowledgment of any of them. Meanwhile I was going to the NKVD twice weekly to fill in a form asking to be permitted to visit my husband. Nothing ever came of this either.

I heard of one arrest after another among our friends. The spy was sweeping higher. Important people were being taken. Everyone looked afraid. Panic spread. It was clearly hopeless to expect anyone to help. All were consumed by fear for themselves.

I decided to fly to England and return after my book was published. This time, however, I could not secure a return visa. The Russians gave me an exit visa but told me to get a return visa in London because my British passport was about to expire.

I left everything I possessed behind in Moscow—books, clothes, linen, furniture, and money. I left with Vera, telling her to continue to pay the 200 roubles a month we always allowed to Arcadi's former wife and son.

Nine years before, I had stood in the Red Square for the first time, my heart full of enthusiasm and faith. Now I was flying away to the West, leaving the dearest person in my life inside the prison house the Soviet Union had become.

I never got back to Soviet Russia. For two years I tried again and again in London to get a visa; but each time was put off.

NO WORD

IN August 1936 Arcadi was sentenced to five years' imprisonment. Vera telephoned me in London from Moscow.

From Archangel he sent me a postcard assuring me of his love and telling me to be cheerful. Early in 1937 I received a second postcard from Usty in Siberia. In May 1937 I received a third and last postcard.

I have never had another word from him to this day.

Whether he was shot or died from hardship, ill treatment, cold, or lack of food, I shall never know. It is scarcely possible that he still lives.

It dismayed friends of the Soviet Union in England and the United States to learn that the Russian Government could be even more cruel than the Nazi Government. For the Nazis did at least allow communication between prisoners and their relatives, and informed the latter when a concentration camp victim died or was shot.

It took me years to become free again in mind and spirit. Perhaps my voice has not affected public opinion any more than those other few voices which tell the truth about Soviet tyranny. But I wish I had immediately joined the goodly company which tried to save the world from the consequences of a false belief in Communism and Russian intentions. That belief played a large part in bringing about the European war, in which millions were killed and mutilated.

—THE END—

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PROGRAMME FOR CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINALS

The programme for the semi-finals of the Colony Open Badminton Championships was set out at a meeting yesterday evening of the Hongkong Badminton Association.

There is to be one Senior semi-final every evening of next week from Monday to Thursday and three on Wednesday at the Club de Recreio. Admission charge to the semi-finals will be \$1 (tax inclusive) and to the finals it will be \$2 (tax inclusive).

The programme is:
MONDAY, MARCH 28
 At Kowloon Cricket Club
 7.30 p.m. (Ladies' Doubles)
 Miss I. Soares & Miss Y. Franco v. Mrs L.F. Stockes & Mrs A. Tamworth.
 8.00 p.m. (Junior Men's Singles)
 J.A. Soares v. M.T. Yeow.
 8.30 p.m. (Ladies' Doubles)
 Miss M. Silva & Miss Margaret Xavier v. Miss M. Leong & Miss A. Henh.
 9.00 p.m. (Senior Men's Singles)
 R. Tay v. B. Funk.
TUESDAY, MARCH 29
 At Kowloon Cricket Club
 7.30 p.m. (Ladies' Singles)
 Miss U. Khoo v. Miss Margie Xavier.
 8.00 p.m. (Junior Mixed Doubles)
 J.A. Soares & Mrs M. Soares v. A.J. Gonsalves & Miss G. Silva.
 8.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Singles)
 D.C. Lau v. K.P. Chong.
 9.00 p.m. (Senior Men's Doubles)
 W. Gillies & S. Saul v. H.T. Heah & T.B. Tchou.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30
 At Club de Recreio
 7.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles)
 H.F. Tai & W.N. Cheung v. D.C. Lau & W.C. Chung.
 8.00 p.m. (Senior Mixed Doubles)
 R. Tay & Miss M. Ribeiro v. W. Gillies & Mrs A. Tamworth.
 8.30 p.m. (Senior Men's Singles)
 C.K. Lee v. W.F. Foo.
 9.00 p.m. (Senior Mixed Doubles)
 P.H. Wong & Miss H. P. Lam v. R. Young & Miss U. Khoo.
THURSDAY, MARCH 31
 At Club de Recreio
 7.30 p.m. (Ladies' Singles)
 Miss Margaret Xavier v. Miss M. Ribeiro.
 8.00 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles)
 C.Y. Yung & K.P. Chong v. F.M. Ribeiro & T.E. Rodrigues.
 8.30 p.m. (Junior Mixed Doubles)
 D.C. Lau & Miss H. Kwong v. C. Quinn & Miss Y. Franco.
 9.00 p.m. (Senior Men's Doubles)
 R. Tay & P.H. Wong v. W.F. Foo & C. Au.

INTER-LEAGUE SOCCER

English League Wins 3-1 At Ibrox Park

Glasgow, Mar. 23.—The English League beat the Scottish League by three goals to nil in the Inter-League match at Ibrox Stadium today. This was very nearly a dress rehearsal for the coming England v. Scotland international, although the English League included no players who will be engaged in next Saturday's Cup semi-finals.

The selectors for both countries attended the game and Scotland's may not have been provided with any useful data,

Tsui Wai-Pui Reaches Singles Final BP "RECORDER"

Tsui Wai-pui entered the final of the Colony Open Grasscourt Tennis Singles Championship at the HKCC yesterday when he defeated Roch Leung 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 7-5.

On a court softened by the morning's slight rainfall, Roch Leung's chop and slice game was seen to advantage and was not for the confident expression on the elder Tsui's face throughout, many would have expected the upset of the decade.

The match produced even better tennis than the previous day's encounter between Ip Koon-hung and Tsui Yun-pui and it was Roch Leung, with his confident net play and his ngilly that refused to acknowledge an impossible return, who held the spotlight throughout most of it.

There were a few humdrum periods and constant changes of pace and tactics from both players produced some really sparkling tennis. Leung started aggressively and led 5-1 in the first set before Tsui got into stride.

The second set went up to three-all before Tsui took command of it to take the next three games. In the third set, Tsui led 2-0 when Leung proceeded to win the next two.

In the fifth game, Leung was at his best, changing the pace constantly and keeping Tsui on the run. When he won the set, the gallery settled down for an upset to come.

It was not to be as in the next game, Leung started off with the first double-fault of the match, was then beaten on a cross-court drop and proceeded to throw away the next two points. At this point he seemed to go to pieces and lost the next three games in a row.

The fourth set started with Leung running into a 2-0 tag, winning the second game to love on his own service. Tsui caught up to 2-2, Leung went ahead and Tsui caught up again.

Tsui, who was gradually changing his tactics to a net game of slices and drops, took the next two when Leung, in a final effort, managed to win a love game on Tsui's service and then another on his own to draw up at 5-5.

But here he had shot his bolt and Tsui took the next two games for set and match with the loss of only two points.

Roch Leung, who in 1939 played the game of his life and displayed a court personality that should make him one of the most attractive drawing cards in exhibition tennis.

His was a much brighter game throughout and, it can be truthfully said, a little less enthusiasm over some of the difficult returns may have saved him enough stamina to force Tsui to five sets.

TODAY'S MATCH
 B. T. M. Jones meets R. Segalen in the HKCC Singles Final on the Stand Court this afternoon, the match commencing at 4.30 p.m.

Hull City Now Top Of Table

London, Mar. 23.—Two Third Division football League games played tonight produced interesting points.

In the Northern Section, Hull City, by beating Carlisle United 3-0 at Hull, went to the head of the table, where they have a better goal average and three games in hand on Rotherham, with whom they are level on points.

In the Southern Section, Newport County lost at Torquay by 4-0, this being the first time in League or Cup games this season that Newport had failed to score.

It was their first defeat since January 15.—Reuter.

St. Mary's Wins Hospitals Cup

London, Mar. 23.—St. Mary's Hospital, London, today won the Hospitals Rugby Union Cup when they defeated Guy's Hospital by six points to five in the final.

Other Rugby Union matches played today resulted as follows:
 Falmouth 0, Devonport Services 9; Herefordshire 0, Eastern Counties 0;
 Rugby League: Wigan 11, Widnes 14.—Reuter.

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CRYSTAL-GAZING



Manager Casey Stengel of the New York Yankees gazes into his "crystal (base)ball" to see what's in store for his team this coming season. Casey said he saw a bright future, making no mention of Indians.

BOAT RACE

Towpath Critics Favour Oxford

London, Mar. 23.—Towpath critics are tipping Oxford to win Saturday's Boat Race against Cambridge after watching another fine performance today.

They disposed in expert fashion of a strong London Rowing Club crew in a race from Hammer-smith to Putney Bridge, covering the distance of about one mile three quarters in seven minutes 40 seconds.

This was an extremely good performance, considering the sluggish water and against a fairly strong headwind.

London are regarded as the outstanding riverside crew and were expected to hold the Oxford crew almost all the way. The Dark Blues answered all demands of their stroke.

Oxford went in front from the first stroke and by the end of the first minute had reached the stroke-rate of 37-1/2. Then a quarter length ahead they gradually increased the advantage and were two lengths ahead.

London made every effort to close the gap and Oxford's stroke dropped to 30, but the Dark Blues went further ahead and were three lengths in front when the opposition gave up the struggle.

Cambridge also did well in a morning row on the odd tide with the Lady Margaret College crew. From a spot below the mile post at Putney Bridge, Cambridge took three minutes 53 seconds and starting a length behind their opposition, they reached 25 in the first minute and finished one and three quarter lengths in front.—Reuter.

Donnelly Declines Indian Tour

Birmingham, Mar. 23.—M. P. Donnelly, the New Zealand and Warwickshire cricketer, who has played Rugby for England, will not captain the team of Donnelly cricketers which is to tour India next winter.

Donnelly said today that the first knowledge he had of the proposal was to see it in the papers, but today he received a letter inviting him to captain the side.

"It is quite impossible for me to accept," he said.

"I should not have time for business reasons. I am playing this season for the New Zealanders by special arrangement with my firm, but this will probably be my last full summer of first class cricket and it is play in future it will be at holiday time."—Reuter.

Saddler-Fallon Fight Is Off

London, Mar. 23.—An eye injury will prevent the former world featherweight champion, Sandy Saddler, from meeting Peter Fallon, the British boxer, in their scheduled fight here on April 4.

Mr Jack Solomons, the promoter, said Saddler would appear on a future Harringay card. Two other Americans, Tony Janiro and Tommy Yarosz, are due to arrive here soon for the April 4 bouts. Janiro is expected to fly in tomorrow and Yarosz on Friday.—Reuter.

Another Bout For "Sugar Ray"

Chicago, Mar. 23.—George Gairford, manager of welterweight champion Ray "Sugar" Robinson, said today that Robinson would fight Earl "Babe" Olson, a Hawaiian middleweight champion in Honolulu in May.

He also said that he would meet here with promoter Bonni Eller of Honolulu to discuss a possible title bout on July 4 with Frankie Hernandez, welterweight champion of the Hawaiian Islands.—United Press.

The Grand National

By PETER DITTON

The 105th Grand National will be run at Aintree, Liverpool. From all parts of the world people will come to see this steeplechase which is rightly regarded as the greatest sporting event in the racing year. The exact distance which has to be covered is 4 miles and 856 yards and every fence has to be cleared twice, except that at the water and the Rail, Ditch and Fence which immediately precedes it.

Included in this year's race will be two previous winners, Lovely Cottage and Caughoo, both of which will be out to join the select band who have won two Grand Nationals. But the odds are heavily weighed against a horse, winning the National on two occasions as the records show.

Only four horses, Abd-el-Kader in 1949-50, the Colonel in 1909-70, Poethlyn in 1918-19 and Reynoldstown in 1938-39 have won the race in successive years and no horse has ever won the Grand National three times.

Three other horses, Peter Simple, The Lamb and Manifesto have won the National on two occasions.

Therefore it is not surprising to find that while Lovely Cottage and Caughoo are among the list of acceptors, they are not favorites for this year's National. That mantle has fallen on Lord Mildmay's eight-year-old Irish bred chaser Cromwell, which ridden by the owner, finished third last year. Many people consider Lord Mildmay was unlucky not to finish in front of the field.

Only a couple of fences from home he was well up with the leaders when he suffered a recurrence of a neck injury which prevented him from lifting his head. This handicap proved too big and although Lord Mildmay retained his seat he finished the course without being able to see ahead.

Lord Mildmay was also the victim of an unfortunate accident in 1939—an accident which almost certainly cost him the race. That year he was riding Davy Jones and was clearing the field when two fences from home the reins broke and the horse ran off the course. Such wretched luck has not disheartened Lord Mildmay. Since 1947 Cromwell has never fallen in a race and this year, barring accidents may be Lord Mildmay's year.

SHORTENED TO MATCH

The story of Major W. H. Skrine who will ride Martin M. is well worth recording. During the war Major Skrine was wounded in the leg—a wound which resulted in one leg becoming shorter than the other.

It looked as if Major Skrine's racing days were over, but so keen was he to get in the saddle again that he had his other leg shortened to match and he has already ridden Martin M. to victory over the Liverpool Course.

In 1936, when Reynoldstown won the Grand National for the second year in succession, Mr Fulke Walwyn was the jockey. Now he is the leading steeplechase trainer in the country and he will probably have four runners in this year's race.

The stable hopes will be centred around Rowland Roy which will be ridden by the stable jockey, Bryan Marshall. Last year Rowland Roy finished 10th and after the race it was discovered that he had a poisoned foot. His stable believe that injury may have cost him the race.

But while Rowland Roy may be the stable's chief hope, the murderous Aintree fences have been unlucky for the nobleman jockey for years. Twice some incident has appeared to cut his chance of winning a National.

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LORD MILD MAY HAS A NARROW SHAVE

Aintree, England, Mar. 24.—Lord Mildmay, owner and rider of the favourite in next Saturday's Grand National steeplechase, escaped injury yesterday in a racing mishap which killed another of his mounts.

He will be able to ride his gelding, Cromwell, who held firm as a 5-1 favourite in a call over on the National last night in London.

Lord Mildmay took a hard spill when Leale Prince crashed in the Topham Trophy chase and broke its back.

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62	10044	5
10043	N	AKQJ8
52	W	10
AKQJ7	E	7
Doaler	AK1065	32
AD	AKQ74	
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Lesson Hand—N-S vul.

South West North East
2 Pass 2 N.T. Pass
3 Pass 4 Pass
4 Pass 5 Pass
5 Pass 6 Pass
6 Pass 7 Pass

Today's hand is taken from an article in the December issue by Henry Brandt of Cambridge, Mass. Anyone who employs the ace-showing convention in responses to two-bids can gain a lot of knowledge from this hand.

Some of you may not agree that South should open the bidding with two hearts. However, one of the advantages of the ace-showing responses is that it is possible to open this type of hand with a two-bid. If your partner has one ace, he will bid that ace regardless of the length of the suit and regardless of the quality of any other suit that he holds.

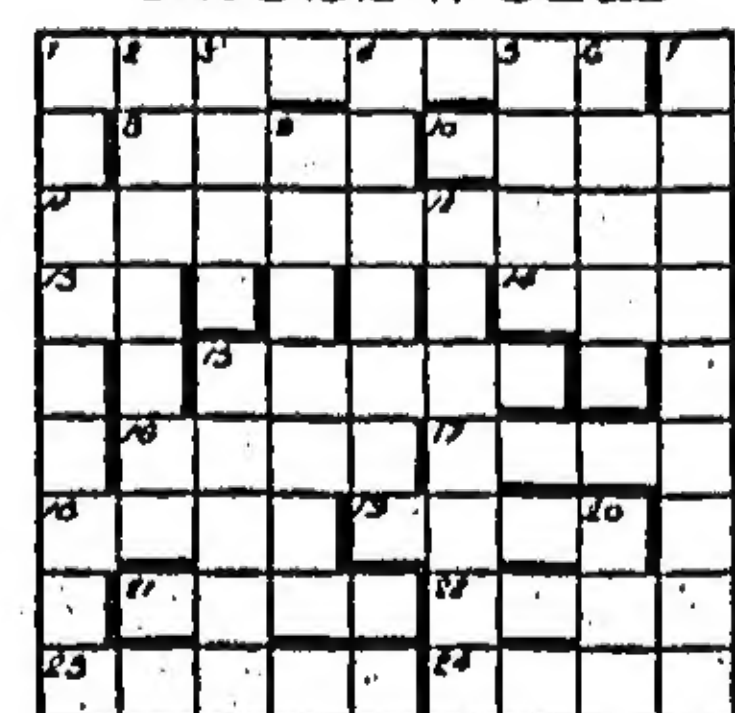
For example, in this hand, if North held the ace of clubs, he would have to bid three clubs. With two aces, the correct response is four no trump. With one ace and holding a trick and a half, you bid three no trump. With one ace and less than a trick and a half, you bid two no trump, as North did in this case.

When South bids three diamonds, North's response of four diamonds is not made simply to show support for diamonds. He has good support for hearts. South knows that the bid of four diamonds does not show the ace, because North denied holding any aces when he bid two no trump. Therefore the four diamond bid can mean only one thing—"Partner, I have second-round control in diamonds."

South's bid of four hearts tells his partner that he is afraid of the club suit. Once again, when North bids five clubs, he is not showing either the ace of clubs or a club suit. He is showing second-round control in clubs.

South makes a very nice bid of five diamonds, and at this point North shows support in hearts for the first time with a five-heart bid, which allows North and South to get into a six-heart contract. It is easily made as the only trick the opponents can win is the ace of clubs.

CROSSWORD



- Across—
1. Mule (10)
2. A this word is wide open (14)
3. A very small, round object (10)
4. Initially self-propelled conveyors (10)
5. It could be a stop (10)
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CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

1. Louis VI, 2. Cape of Good Hope, 3. Spanish, 4. That it has made a clean sweep of a group of enemy craft, 5. Mankin, 6. The Abbey of Monte Cassino, in Italy.

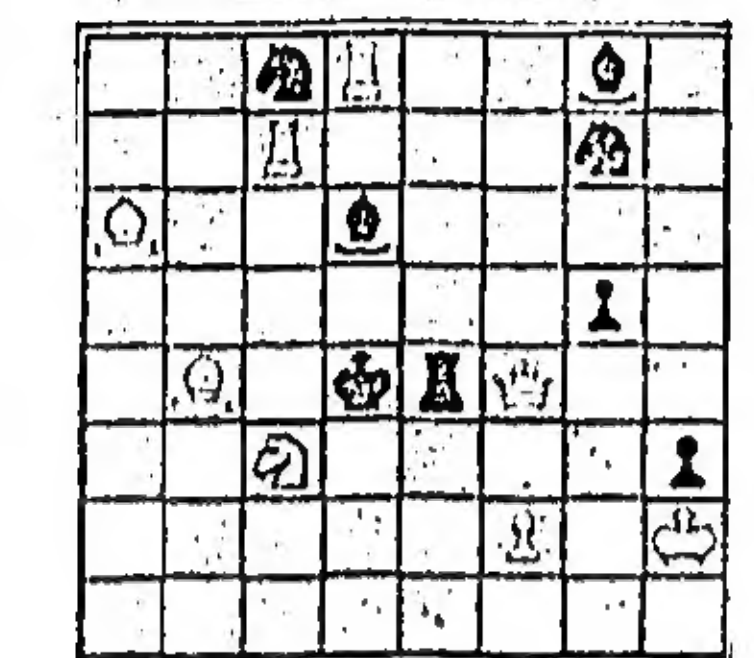
DUMB BELLS

HOW ARE YOU GETTING ALONG WITH YOUR DANCING LESSONS?



CHESS PROBLEM

By A. P. EERKES
Black, 8 pieces.



White, 8 pieces.
White to play and mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. R-B6, 1...B-Q7, B7; 2. R-B2, 2...B others; 2. R-KKt6.

(Answers in Column 1)

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Ting-a-Ling Had a Story

—It Was About a Sunflower and a Daisy—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, asked their friend Ting-a-Ling if he didn't think it was a wonderful idea to be as tall as a tree.

"As tall as a tree?" Ting-a-Ling exclaimed in astonishment. "Is that how tall you both want to be?"

Knarf and Hanid nodded. "If we were as tall as a tree," Knarf said, "we could look over everybody's head. And we could see up to the roof tops. We could see the smoke coming out of the chimney, and we could look over the garden wall, without even having to climb it."

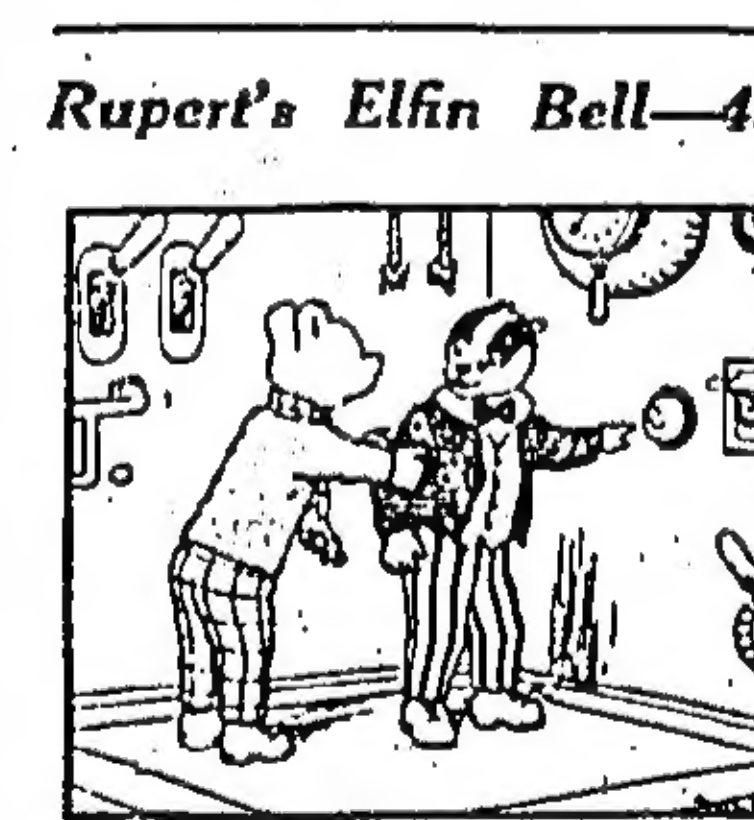
"And if we went for a walk," Hanid added, "we could get to the end of the road, before anyone else. We could step across rivers and touch the tops of telegraph poles. If we went to the zoo, we could look right at a giraffe, without having to stand on our tip toes."

Moment or Two

Ting-a-Ling was silent for a moment or two, then he smiled. "You remind me of the story of the Sunflower and the Daisy."

Knarf and Hanid had never heard this story so they begged Ting-a-Ling to tell it to them. "Well," said Ting-a-Ling, "one spring, in a meadow not far from here, two little plants

Rupert's Elfie Bell—43



While their guide is away Rupert and Elfie look around the room into which they have been shown. It is very tiny, but on the walls is the most weird collection of instruments and gadgets. "How topping they look," cries Elfie. "Let's pull all the handles, one by one, and see what happens." But Rupert grabs his arm. "Do behave yourself and let everything alone," he says. "Remember this is Elfie Bell. You might cause awful trouble." "Oh, do let me try," pleads Elfie. "Look, just this tiny switch."

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RECORDED MUSIC

NEW ALBUMS OFFER VARIED FARE

By DAVID C. WHITNEY

LONDON Records has improved its catalogue with six new albums. "George Gershwin Suite" is a good pair of 12-inch records by Louis Levy's Orchestra, with instrumental arrangements of 12 of the late composer's best songs. "Film Music" three 12-inch records with Hilar Maltchuk directing the London Symphony Orchestra, presents some exciting new music by five British composers. In another 12-inch album Eric Coates conducts the New Symphony Orchestra in six of his delightfully entertaining compositions.

Check Your Knowledge

- Who was king of France at the outbreak of the French Revolution?
- Name the cape that was originally called the Cape of Storms.
- What is the pre-falling language in Argentina?
- What is signified when a submarine returns to its base in time of war with a broom tied to its periscope?
- What are the inhabitants of the Isle of Man called?
- What ancient monastery was destroyed by Allied aerial bombing on February 15, 1944?

(Answers in Column 1)

Irmingay's new trainer

THE Northern Counties Women's Hockey Association have announced that when Irmingay United visit Morpeth for the return match, Miss Dorothy Cresswell will be the referee. Irmingay have a new trainer, Mrs. Salmon an old Appleby forward.

For the gourmet

The fish is first stewed with acetic acid to remove minerals, and is then treated with alcohol. The fat is taken out with tri-n-butylene. What is left is digested with caustic soda to break down the proteins. The result, when spray-dried, looks like ground chalk, and dissolves easily in water.

(Dr. G. A. Reay.)

AND what, asks the hideous reader, is all this about? It is a way of making sham eggs from fish, for cake-icing. See also Mrs. Whelkustuff on how to make haddock out of eggshells by soaking everything in binthilene.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

BOTH literature and art will appeal to you if you are born today, and your best work is done in something connected with one of these two fields. You are happiest if left to your own devices and do not have to "struggle" for a living. But everyone is not born with life handed on a golden platter. Work hard in your youth, and later you will reap the rewards of leisure.

You have a strong will and once you have set your mind in a certain direction it is next to impossible to move it except through your affections. Be on your guard against this, for the unscrupulous might discover your secret and seek to make use of it.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Moderately good for most things. A romantic disappointment could cast a shadow. Don't let it affect you too much on a golden platter. Work hard in your youth, and later you will reap the rewards of leisure.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—All employment connected with the entertainment field appears especially favoured right now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23)—Make plans for business expansion. Harmonious co-operation can bring about excellent results.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Yesterday's leads, if followed up, should culminate in the successful operation of plans toward definite goal.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Moderation brings success to all minor enterprises; a short trip; social entertainment; possible romance by advertising, so take full advantage of this.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Selling is stimulated through publicity and advertising, so take full advantage of this.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Romance is still in the picture as far as you are concerned. External moved fields are stimulated also.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—If dealing with the public, expect advances now. Everything should go well on the romantic front, too.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—New ideas will stimulate business. If an employee, take a new idea to the boss, for recognition.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Get down to practical issues and you will succeed. A partnership should prove very advantageous, also.

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

"Follow my leader!" (Mendelssohn.)

She took the second song so quickly that even the accompanist seemed surprised.

(Music critic.)

WHEN Mme. Schutzenwald sang a programme of leader she arranged to have a pistol fired at the beginning of each song so that she and her accompanist could start level. In songs of a quick tempo she would give him two bars' start. When asked by a prominent golfer, "What's your handicap?" the wretched man always replied, "Having to accompany that old hippopotamus."

The Gogigig dance

I AM sorry that one of the oldest English folk-dances was omitted from the Albert Hall Festival. The Gogigig dance from Wiltshire is extremely picturesque. The men are dressed in green overalls and wear long red gaiters, iron hats like saucers, with long handles, and long tails. The girls are dressed entirely in white painted yellow, and carry black discs made of oak. The dancers beat the ground with their knuckles, crying rhythmically, "Gogigig!"

Decline In Rubber Continues

New York, Mar. 23.—Number 1 rubber futures today closed five to 15 points lower on sales totalling 21 contracts. Standard futures closed 20 points lower nominally.

Futures today drifted lower for the third session in a row, but the reaction appeared to be due more to lack of buying interest than any concentrated selling.

Lower London and Singapore cables, plus expectation of smaller February consumption, supplied selling motives. Traders understood that February consumption figures might show a smaller use of natural rubber compared with last year, while the use of synthetic rubber may show a comparable increase.

Dullness in futures was matched in the physical market, although some dealers indicated that there was under lying factory interest at prices slightly below the current basis. Definite options either way continue to be withheld until developments at Monday's London meeting can be appraised.

Prices closed as follows:—

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German Runs Ship Ashore

Cuxhaven, Mar. 23.—A German pilot, charged with running a British ship ashore, was acquitted by a German maritime court here today because he had not been trained in radar technique.

An Allied ordinance bars radar training for Germans. The ship, the 4,157-ton Empire Baltic, ran aground in the Elbe in hazy weather on February 18.

It was understood here that the German authorities will now prepare a memorandum asking the Allied occupation authorities to allow German pilots to be trained in radar.—Reuter.

Canberra To Coerce Doctors

Must Enter New Health Scheme

Canberra, Mar. 23.—The Labour government has decided to force Australian doctors to enter its national medical scheme, which provides free drugs and half payment of doctors' fees for patients.

The powerful British Medical Association charges: "The government clearly intends civil conscription of doctors. The government's latest step is a devious and cunning way of attempting to evade the provision of the Constitution that there shall be no civil conscription."

The BMA has successfully boycotted the scheme enacted nine months ago for free dispensation of medicines. It stated that a second scheme in December providing for government payment of half of doctors' bills, free dental care for young children and free eye treatment.

The Health Minister, Mr. N. E. McKenna has now introduced a bill whereby doctors will be fined \$100 if they do not write their prescriptions on government forms, if the prescriptions include drugs in a government formulary. Unless doctors write their prescriptions on these government forms, patients cannot get medicine free.

BMA TO FIGHT

Mr. McKenna does not believe, according to reliable reports, that mass prosecutions of doctors will follow this move, because he claims doctors will decide the scheme is in their own and the public's best interests.

Introducing the bill, Mr. McKenna revealed that only 117 of about 6,000 doctors have dispensed free medicine since the scheme began in June last year.

The BMA secretary, Mr. J. G. Hunter, declared the association would fight the government in court on the civil conscription issue.

The government also is working on a means to legalize patients paying only half doctors' bills, and forcing the doctors to collect the balance from the government.

The BMA rejected the government scheme of December last year to pay half doctors' bills, arguing that the government should pay patients directly on presentation of a receipted doctor's bill.

Mr. McKenna retorted that the suggestion of payment to "hundreds of thousands" of patients instead of relatively few doctors was a "presumptuous prerequisite."—United Press.

Calwell Defends The White Australia Policy

NO QUOTA SYSTEM FOR ADMISSION OF ASIATICS

Melbourne, Mar. 23.—The Immigration Minister, Mr. Arthur Calwell, today firmly upheld the Government's White Australia policy, saying there would be "no appeasement, no quota system for the admission of Asiatics."

The history of South Africa, the United States of America and other countries, where people of different races lived side by side, "could be repeated here," Mr. Calwell stated at Bendigo, Victoria.

So long as the Labour Party remained in power, it would insist on "our sovereign right to determine what people shall make up our population. Today's threat to the White Australia policy must be firmly and fearlessly met," he said. "No matter how violent the criticism, no matter how fierce and unrelenting the attacks upon me personally may be, I am determined that the flag of White Australia will not be lowered."

Mr. Calwell said he would refer Australia's immigration laws to the Cabinet for review in the light of a High Court decision invalidating certain sections of the law relating to the Commonwealth's power to deport prohibited immigrants.

(This was believed here to be a reference to the cases in which the Australian High Court ruled last week that Mrs. Annie O'Keefe, the Indonesian-born wife of an Australian, could remain in Australia.)

Mr. Calwell said this court ruling "knocks down one of the main pillars upon which the White Australia policy has formerly rested since 1901." "I can give the assurance that so long as the Australian Labour Party remains in power there will be no watering down of the 'White Australia' policy," he added.

NOT A COLOUR BAR

"There will be no quota system for the admission of Asiatics, no appeasement, or any other administrative action which would imperil the hard-won living standards which we inherited from our forbears."

"So long as the Labour Party remains in power we shall insist on maintaining our sovereign rights to determine what people shall make up our population."

"The White Australia policy is not a colour bar. It began as a positive aspiration, and from it has resulted a positive achievement. This achievement is a united race of freedom-loving Australians, who can intermarry and associate without the disadvantages that inevitably result from the fusion of dissimilar races, a united people who share the same loyalties, the same outlook, and the same traditions."

Mr. Calwell said experience in Australia and shown that a pocket of Asiatic people caused constant pressure for permission to bring in their relatives and friends.

CORE OF PROBLEM

Australia also has had experience of how rapidly the number of Asiatic settlers increased in the absence of adequate immigration controls. "The history of South Africa, the United States of America, and other countries, where people of different races and living standards live side by side, could be repeated here," he said.

As a result of a legal interpretation, Mr. Calwell said, Australia had for the first time in her history "the core of a problem that has caused so much tragedy, bloodshed and murderous strife in other countries."

The effect of the High Court decision, was that every non-European admitted to Australia on a certificate of exemption, and who had resided there five years or longer, could not now be compulsorily repatriated.

POCKET CARTOON



Expects An Amicable Settlement

London, Mar. 23.—Britain expected an amicable settlement with Chile and Argentina over their claims on the Falkland Islands Antarctic dependencies, Mr. Christopher Mayhew, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, stated in Parliament today.

Saying that Argentina had set up three posts and Chile two "in defiance of British protests," Mr. Mayhew added: "In August last the future of the whole Antarctic region was the subject of a formal approach by the United States Government to the countries concerned. The outcome of that approach is not yet clear."

He refuted assertions that the Government's attitude towards Argentina and Chile had been weak, saying that Britain had shown a "good example of restraint and of going through the proper form of international procedure."—Reuter.

Noted Physicist Dies

East Orange, N. J., March 23.—Dr. Henry Rentschler, 68, famous physicist, died today. He did experiments with uranium which provided the first pure uranium needed for the development of the atom bomb.—United Press.

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Rangoon, Mar. 23.—Namtu, a Northern Shan States town, was retaken today by government forces at 3.15 p.m. Burma time.

White band Peoples Volunteer Organisation members occupied Namtu on Saturday.

An official announcement on Namtu's recapture said that government troops led by Sao Ohn, ADC to the Burmese President, So Shwe Thakhe, marched into the town which has been held by Rebel PVOS for four days.

It did not say whether any fighting preceded the recapture but declared that the situation is now quiet.

According to the announcement all foreign nationals in Namtu are safe.

The British owned Burma Corporation have lead and silver mines at Namtu, which are operated by 65 Britons.

PREMIER AT MYITKYINA

Prime Minister Thakin Nu today was reported in the Burma press to have flown from Shwebo near Mandalay to the Kachin headquarters town of Myitkyina.

In Shwebo town, according to an official communique, the PVOS joined government forces in attacks upon the Karens, described as rebels.

The communique said that the Sagring District across the Irrawaddy River from Mandalay is quiet but some police stations have been "temporarily withdrawn" to avoid government arms "being scattered over a wide area."

The communique said that during fresh clashes between the PVOS and Karens in the Bassein District in the Irrawaddy delta, 23 Karens were killed and eight captured. Bassein town is normal.—Associated Press.

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